

REMARKS

In the Office Action of December 4, 2007, the Examiner objected to Claim 26, and rejected claims 25, 26, 29, 34-45 under 35 U.S.C.102(b) as anticipated by US 2407385 to Rubin et al. The Examiner also rejected Claims 27-28, and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Rubin et al.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 35, 36, and 40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and all the intervening claims..

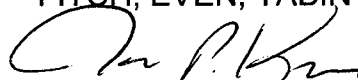
Claim 25 is amended to include all the limitations of claims 35, 44, and 45, and Claim 40 is amended to include the limitations of claims 25, 44 and 45. Accordingly, independent claims 25 and 40 are now considered to be allowable. Claims 36-39 are amended to depend upon now allowable claim 25. Claims 26 to 34 and 41-42 depend either directly or indirectly upon allowable claim 25, and therefore also should be allowed. Claim 26 is also amended to correct the grammatical error as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 35, 43, 44 and 45 are cancelled.

Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims as originally filed and presently amended are novel and patentable over the prior art, and the application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required in connection with this correspondence, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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